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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have lived in Hood River County, Oregon both within rural and inside city limits and been a customer and industry user since the inception of internet service in this area for well over 20 years. I am currently connected and have experienced first hand multiple local competitive internet broadband providers like Gorge.Net in the start and for the majority of this time period when it has been available option at my home office for which I am thankful. For a previous 4 year period where my only option was CenturyLink and this was the only time when I had repeated unsatisfactory unresponsive service and both in connectivity and customer contact that eventually contributed in making a move a requirement. To be clear I would never want or choose to be limited to a major provider like CenturyLink again.

It has been vital to our community success and service needs to have the the individual costs of internet to be low and stable, with locally based and competitive provider support. This must remain and be protected here and in smaller towns and rural areas. Thank you for honoring this a a basic public right.

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